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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING THE EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT UNIFY TEAM
ON WINNING A GOLD MEDAL AT THE 2013 USA VOLLEYBALL OPEN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Senators Hodgson, Metts, P Fogarty, Satchell, and Pearson

Date Introduced: June 11, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The East Greenwich Unified Volleyball Team, winner of the Gold Medal at
2 the 2013 USA Volleyball Open National Championship, was invited to compete again this year
3 after compiling an outstanding fall campaign and winning the Rhode Island State Unify
4 Volleyball Championship; and

5 WHEREAS, The East Greenwich Unified team committed to attending three practices a
6 week with the Rhode Island Adult Unified Program at Johnson and Wales University and
7 attended numerous fundraisers to support the trip; and

8 WHEREAS, Unified athletics pairs students with special needs with volunteer students
9 who practice together and work hard to build camaraderie, develop social skills and leadership
10 skills, forge bonds that will last a lifetime and, most importantly, work together to compete
11 vigorously in an athletic endeavor and strive mightily to win games and championships; and

12 WHEREAS, The East Greenwich team started off on fire at the National Championships
13 in Louisville, Kentucky, as they swept Arizona, New Hampshire, and North Carolina on the first
14 day of competition. The Semi-finals also went East Greenwich's way as it defeated North
15 Carolina for a second time. One often learns the most about a team when it faces adversity and
16 East Greenwich faced adversity on the court after being dominated by Arizona in the first set of
17 the championship match. However, East Greenwich overcame its nervousness early in the match
18 and exhibited the poise and grit of a true champion as it came back to sweep the last two matches
19 and repeat as national champions; and

1 WHEREAS, Winning a championship in a team sport requires lots of sacrifice, hard
2 work, and complete dedication to the concept that the team comes before any individual desires.
3 The East Greenwich team exhibited these traits in abundance all year by every member, including
4 Tessa Egan, Maggie Mathieu, Kim Whittaker, Connor Finn, Brandon Eckles, Liam Shaughnessy,
5 Michael Carne, Matthew Cruise, Chris Colgan, Patrick Quinn, Jon-Erik Hurtubise, and Matthew
6 De Luca. The East Greenwich Unified Volleyball Team was also blessed to be led by the
7 outstanding coaching and leadership provided by Patty Carosotto, Dave Egan, and Casie Rhodes,
8 as well as the support provided by Athletic Director Chris Cobain; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby congratulates the East Greenwich Unified Volleyball Team on winning the Gold Medal at
11 the 2013 USA Volleyball Open National Championship; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to East Greenwich High School Athletic Director
14 Chris Cobain.

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